

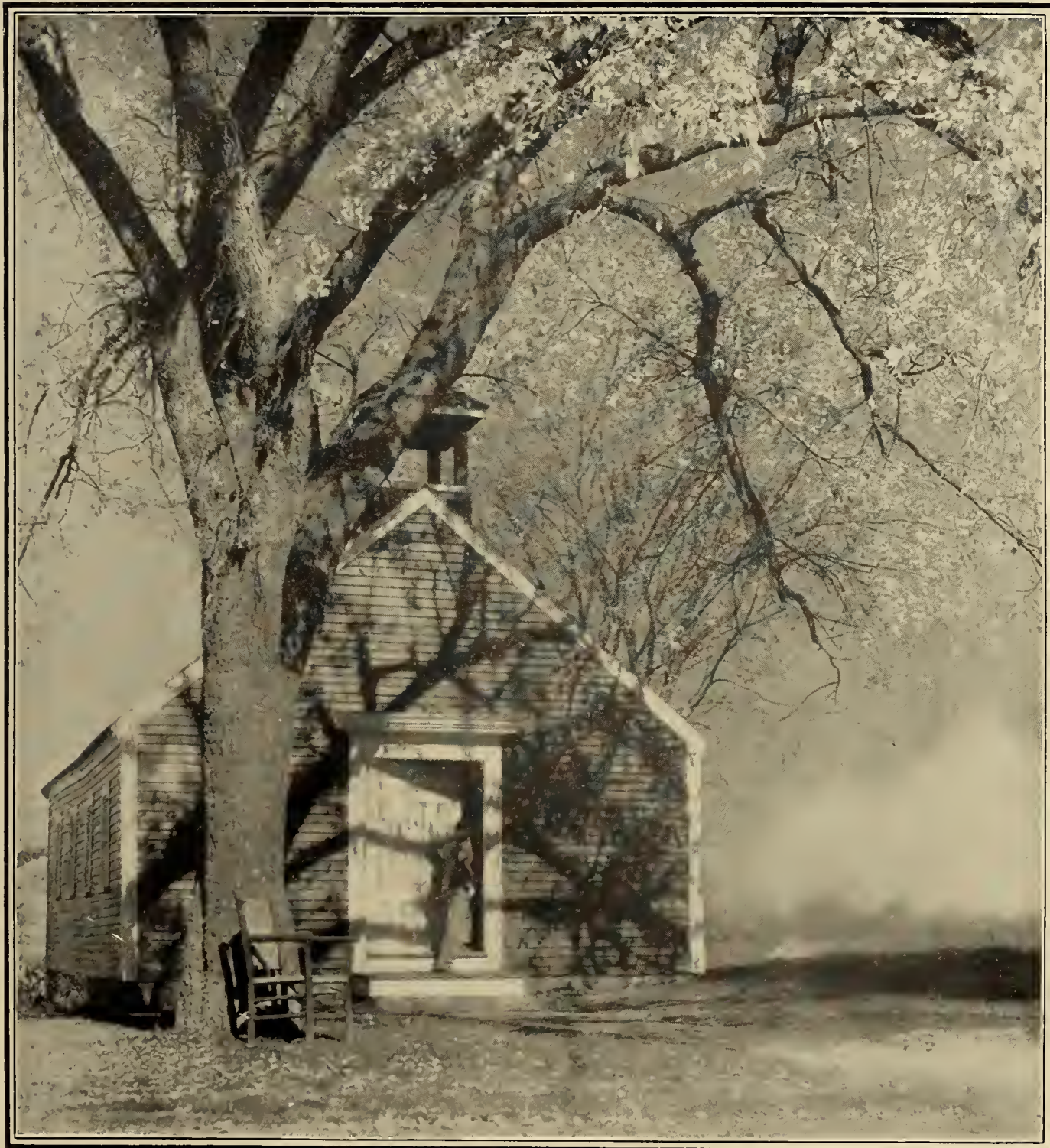
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## MANY ALUMNI EXPECTED TODAY CAMPAIGN TOTAL ANNOUNCED

### \$72,000 BRINGS GOAL NEAR; DEDICATION OF ROOMS PLANNED

The ARCHON is pleased to announce the latest Building Fund figures as given by Mr. Eames. As this issue goes to press a sum of approximately \$72,000 has been subscribed for the purpose of completing the New Building. This represents a gain of \$22,000 since the last report contained in the February issue of the ARCHON. It is earnestly hoped that the goal of \$80,000 may be soon reached, and much effort is being made by all who are connected with the drive to bring it to a successful close with as little delay as possible. With the goal in sight there can be now no slackening of effort.

The above figures have been made possible by the wholehearted and enthusiastic support of the boys, parents, and friends connected with the Academy. Particular mention must be made of the tireless work of the Trustees, Mr. Eames, and the executive committee of six boys who have been working under the direction of John Newman.

Alumni and friends of the school will also be pleased to learn that it has been decided to dedicate the three principal rooms of the New Building, one to the memory of Mr. Philip Hacker Cobb; another to Mr. William Beale Jacob; and the third to the Reverend Carroll Perry. Both Mr. Cobb and Mr. Jacob are familiar to all save the new boys as devoted friends, advisers, and teachers. The Reverend Dr. Perry was for some years a trustee of Governor Dummer Academy, and many will remember the pleasure of hearing him preach both here at school and at his church in Ipswich. For a number of years he was the presiding officer at the Commencement Dinner.

It is especially appropriate that the name of Mr. Cobb should always be connected with this building, since it was largely through his enthusiastic support and advice that the original boys' campaign was organized five years ago.

### ATHLETIC EVENTS, RECEPTION, AND MEETING FEATURE PROGRAM

A large number of Alumni are expected to arrive today for the biggest Alumni Day in Governor Dummer history. This year more effort has been made to interest the graduate group in returning to the school, and under the direction of Howard J. Navins of the Class of 1931 representatives have been chosen from the last nine graduating groups

#### ALUMNI DAY PROGRAM

- 11:30 a.m. Track Meet with Kimball Union Academy.
- 12:30 p.m. Luncheon.
- 2:00 p.m. Baseball Game with Kimball Union Academy.
- 2:30 p.m. Lacrosse Game with Alumni Team.
- 4:30 p.m. Faculty Reception for Alumni in New Building.
- 5:30 p.m. Alumni Business Meeting in New Building.
- 6:30 p.m. "Evening meeting" in New Building with special program:
  - School singing
  - Award of Alumni prizes
  - The Meistersingers
  - Guest Speaker.

who sent personal letters to members of their class regarding attendance at Alumni Day and helped plan a full day program which should appeal to all those who come back.

Features of the day's program include athletic contests in track, baseball, and lacrosse, a faculty reception for the alumni, an alumni business meeting, a buffet supper on the Mansion House lawn, and a special evening school meeting with a guest speaker.

The alumni class representatives who worked to make the day a success are as

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## Vespers

*April 7:* The Reverend Raymond Calkins of the First Congregational Church, Cambridge.

*April 14:* Mr. Paul Cruikshank, Headmaster of the Taft School, Watertown, Connecticut.

*April 21:* Colonel Horace Poynter of the Latin Department of Phillips Academy, Andover.

*April 28:* Dr. Alfred M. Stearns, Headmaster Emeritus, Phillips Academy, Andover.

*May 5:* The Reverend Jesse Trotter of Grace Church, Amherst.

*May 12:* The Reverend Frank E. Duddy of the North Congregational Church, Cambridge.

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Dr. Calkins' text stated the principle that bodily exercise is profitable, but mental and moral exercise in godliness is more valuable. In adapting this axiom to everyday life the speaker suggested that the hated subject should be studied hardest and boys whom we dislike should be treated with friendliness in order to strengthen our moral fibre. But above all, he pointed out, exercise in righteousness is essential to a well-rounded and successful life.

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Throughout his talk Mr. Cruikshank pointed out instances in which sympathy, friendship, and understanding have developed through better acquaintanceship. Differences in interests as between public and private school students can be overcome easily by congenial meetings and by working on common problems. Only by intermingling and seeing others in their own environment can we avoid forming misleading opinions of groups with whom we are not familiar.

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In his Vesper talk Colonel Poynter contrasted the adventure of death with the greater adventure of life. He cited the example of three courageous men on the *Titanic* who bravely and gallantly met their death, while one other cowardly saved himself only to live later in misery and solitude. Those three men who died faced one great adventure, but all of us can make life a real adventure and a continuously thrilling experience by regarding daily incidents as always something new and original against which we are pitted.

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## GLEE CLUB GIVES CONCERT IN THE WORCESTER MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS

An unusually fine Glee Club season was brought to a fitting climax by the concert given on Friday evening, May 10, at the Worcester Museum of Fine Arts. The concert was arranged by the parents of the boys at school from Worcester and was sung before an exceptionally responsive audience of 350 people. Several parents gave dinner parties before the concert for members of the audience.

The Glee Club sang in the court of the Museum, which was ideally suited for such music. The acoustics lent themselves perfectly to the numbers.

Adding greatly to the enjoyment of the concert was the singing of the Meistersingers and of Nicholas Lampes, the tenor soloist of the Club. In the final group of three numbers on the program, the Governor Dummer Glee Club was assisted by the Bancroft Girls' School Club, with Miss Ruth Sauter as accompanist. The Bancroft School also entertained the boys for dinner before the concert.

The patrons and patronesses for the concert were Dr. and Mrs. Wallace W. Atwood, Mr. and Mrs. Harold L. Blood, Mr. and Mrs. C. Grant Bowker, Admiral Wat Tyler Cluverius, Mr. and Mrs. Carl I. Collins, Mr. and Mrs. Myron F. Converse, Mrs. Margaret B. des Cognets, Mr. and Mrs. Edward T. Esty, Dr. and Mrs. Arthur W. Ewell, Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Goodale, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph S. Jarvis, Mr. and Mrs. Bradford M. Kingman, Mr. and Mrs. Paul B. Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. Philip M. Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. Albert W. Rice, Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Sawyer, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Henry Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Harold H. Wade, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley H. Wheelock, Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton B. Wood, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter S. Young.

## ROBERT LYLE EDITOR IN CHIEF OF NEWLY ELECTED MILESTONE BOARD

At a recent meeting of the *Milestone* Board, Robert Lyle was elected Editor-in-Chief. He will be assisted in the editorial department by David Solomon and Benjamin Wright as Copy Editors, while Roland Will and Francis Farnum have been chosen Business Managers. Kimball Eastman and Eugene Gardner are the Photographic Editors.



## PARSONS SCHOOLHOUSE RESTORATION PLANNED

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### COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM READY

177th COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES  
SCHEDULED FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 7

Plans for the 177th annual commencement exercises of Governor Dummer Academy on Friday, June 7, have been completed and have recently been announced by Mr. Eames.

The address to the graduating class will be delivered by Mr. James Duncan Phillips, President of the Board of Trustees. Mr. Phillips, who for many years has been one of the most interested and active of the friends of the school, is vice-president and treasurer of Houghton Mifflin Co., and he not only publishes books, but writes them. "Salem in the 17th Century" and other stories of old Salem and old Salem ships have been the result of his work, and he is considered an authority in many aspects of the history of New England.

Speakers at the Commencement Dinner on Friday evening will be Dr. Robert Russell Wicks, Dean of the University Chapel at Princeton University, the Reverend James T. Cleland, Associate Professor of Religion at Amherst College, and Dr. Claude Moore Fuess, Headmaster of Phillips Academy, Andover, who will act as Toastmaster.

Professor Cleland is a Scotchman by birth and did not come to the United States until  
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#### SENIOR COUNCIL ENLARGED BY ELECTION OF SIX UNDERCLASSMEN

When the Senior Council was organized shortly after the Christmas Vacation, Mr. Eames announced that it was his plan to change and reorganize the group in the Spring Term as seemed for the best interests of the council. Shortly after the Easter Vacation, therefore, six underclassmen were elected by the student body to join the eleven Seniors already in the council. This move will serve to broaden the scope of the organization and will lay the foundation for its continuance next year.

The six underclassmen elected were John D. Eshelman, David S. Jarvis, S. Gordon Johndroe, Jr., Cushing Strout, Jr., Lee Whittles, and Richard M. Wyman.



DR. CLAUDE MOORE FUESS  
*Toastmaster at Commencement Dinner*

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#### NEW CLASSROOM AND INTERIOR ARRANGEMENT TO BE UNDERTAKEN

The restoration of the Parsons Schoolhouse, which was so severely damaged by fire early in the Winter Term, will soon begin, as plans have been completed for the rebuilding.

The exterior of the schoolhouse will remain virtually unchanged. The chimney, now at the rear of the building, will be moved to one side behind one of the wings, and an iron fire escape will be placed near the rear.

Extensive changes will take place, however, in the interior. The old study hall on the top floor is to be made over into a large classroom with table chairs at the front of the room and biology tables and laboratory equipment at the end.

On the ground floor the physics room at the back will remain the same, but the space in one of the wings formerly occupied by Mr. Barry's and Mrs. Gale's office will be combined to form one classroom. A change will also be made in the other wing with the combining of the old French and German classrooms. These two new rooms will be provided with large rectangular or oval tables around which classes will be held as is now being done in the Library.

No changes are contemplated in the basement of the school building.

## VESPERS

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Dr. Stearns dealt with the factors which give some men in school or in the outside world influence over others. He declared that the real leader is the one who is able to command the respect and admiration of others due to the positive stand which he takes in regard to what he believes is right and due to the fact that he is willing to fight courageously to defend his position. He pointed out the need in the country for men of this type who will do away with the politician who stands for evil and gain rather than decency and humaneness.

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Dr. Trotter urged his audience to observe the sacred law of humanity, hate the sin, but love the sinner. He applied this rule specifically to Japan and her recent aggressive acts. He also mentioned certain traditions of her past and influences from the United States which have moulded her national character, taking special note of her fatalism and her feeling of racial superiority.

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Dr. Duddy spoke on the necessity of contributing something worthwhile and original to society in general. We must have spiritual productiveness in order to do this, he said, for otherwise our place in society will be no better than a mere hanger-on.

### ORDER OF COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

*Sunday, June 2, 1940*

3:30 p.m. Baccalaureate Service  
The Reverend Daniel Bliss

*Thursday, June 6*

8:00 p.m. Senior Sing

*Friday, June 7*

10:00 a.m. Graduation Exercises  
Mr. James Duncan Phillips, President of the Board of Trustees  
Presentation of the Morse Flag  
Glee Club Concert  
1:00 p.m. Buffet luncheon on the lawn  
3:00 p.m. Baseball game with Deerfield Academy  
7:00 p.m. Commencement Dinner  
Dr. Claude Moore Fuess will preside.  
The Reverend James T. Cleland.  
Dr. Robert Russell Wicks.



PROFESSOR JAMES T. CLELAND

*Commencement Dinner Speaker*

### COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

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1927. He has held teaching positions at Glasgow University, at Union Seminary, and finally at Amherst. His two courses on religion at Amherst have become increasingly popular, for he is an interesting and entertaining lecturer. Last year Professor Cleland was granted a leave of absence, which he spent in traveling in Europe and the Near East and lecturing in the American University, Beirut, Syria. Professor Cleland is an authority in the field of Christian Ethics.

Dr. Fuess, a member of the Board of Trustees, was Toastmaster at last year's Commencement Dinner. In addition to being Headmaster of Andover, Dr. Fuess is widely known as an author, and his recent biography of Calvin Coolidge has been hailed as one of the best books of its type this year.

The speaker for the Baccalaureate Service, which is held on Sunday, June 2, will be the Reverend Daniel Bliss, minister of the Second Congregational Church at Greenwich, Connecticut. Dr. Bliss graduated from Amherst College in 1920 and was formerly associate minister of the Old South Church in Boston. He is a member of the board of trustees of International College in Beirut, Syria.

The traditional Senior Sing on Sunset Hill will take place on Thursday, June 6, at which time the first copies of the *Milestone* will be distributed and the dedication revealed. On this occasion also the Senior Class gift to the school will be made known.



## SHEFFIELD HEADS CLASS OF 1940; SENIOR COMMITTEE ANNOUNCED

Edwin S. Sheffield of Newport, Rhode Island, has been elected President of the Class of 1940.

While at Governor Dummer Sheffield has been one of the most active in both athletic and student affairs. He was a member of the varsity football team in 1938 and 1939, of the varsity hockey team in 1940, and of the varsity lacrosse team in 1937, 1938, and 1939. This year he is captain of the team and has been selected as an All New England player.

Amongst his student affairs are included membership on the *Milestone* Board, Senior Council, and Campaign Committee. As Class President he is chairman ex-officio of the Commencement Committee.

The members of the committee include Willard Little, David Hastings, Francis Farnum, David Strater, George Stobie, Robert Schumann, Clark Shepard, William Torrey, Locke Ellis, Richard Carnrick, and John Griffith.

## Alumni Notes

1934: John Hinchman is on the Dean's List at M. I. T. for the first term of the present school year.

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1936: Frederick Zins is playing 2nd base for the Amherst varsity ball team this spring.

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1936: Robert McMenimen received honors for the first term of this year at Princeton.

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1936: Dudley Follansbee is on the Dean's List at M. I. T. for the first term of the present school year.

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1937: The engagement of Rollin Steele to Miss Jean Blanton of Bound Brook has recently been announced. No date has yet been set for the wedding.

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1937: Ollie Olsen is pitching on the Tufts varsity baseball team.

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1938: Sumner Andrews has recently been elected to the Lampoon Board at Harvard.

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1939: Clark Young is running the hurdles and 440 for the Bowdoin Freshman track team.



Photograph by George Leach

EDWIN S. SHEFFIELD

1940 Senior Class President

## CUM LAUDE SOCIETY HAS BANQUET, INITIATES SIX NEW MEMBERS

The annual banquet of the Governor Dummer Cum Laude Society was held last evening, May 17. At that time six new members were taken in from the Senior Class. The new members are James A. W. Black, George F. Earnshaw, 3rd, Kurt Hoffman, Willard S. Little, Jr., David H. Solomon, and Leonard J. Zins. Their election to the scholastic honor society of the school was recognition for receiving the best general scholarship record in the Senior Class.

The dinner in the New Building and the initiation of the new members in the Library was attended by Faculty members of the society and alumni and honorary members, amongst whom was included Mr. James Duncan Phillips, President of the Board of Trustees, who took part in the initiation ceremony.

Mr. Walter S. Hinchman, who was recently made an honorary member of the Governor Dummer chapter, was the guest speaker and took as his topic "The Origin and Development of Medieval Schools and Universities". Mr. Hinchman is a member of the English Department at Milton Academy.

At a meeting of the Cum Laude Society on May 6, Mr. Benjamin J. Stone was elected President and Mr. Oliver Andrews was chosen Secretary. At this meeting it was also decided to send representatives to the regional conference today at Deerfield.

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## AN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

This year a real attempt has been made by a graduate committee to interest alumni in returning to the school on Alumni Day. The ARCHON wishes to take this opportunity to welcome those returning who have responded to the personal letters sent them and who are giving evidence of their interest in and love of Governor Dummer by joining in the activities planned.

In an earlier issue of the ARCHON the importance of the alumni as a group to Governor Dummer was discussed. It was brought out that amongst the valuable services which may be rendered by graduates are included interesting boys in coming to the school, establishing the school's reputation in colleges and business, and aiding undergraduates in their choice of colleges or in securing business positions. The value of these contributions must never be underestimated, and the fact that they do exist proves the loyalty of the graduates.

However, in regard to these contributions, one problem cannot be overlooked, the fact that the alumni are in no way organized so as to be able to take concerted action in matters relating to the school. Last year at the annual alumni meeting a plan was put under discussion for the formation of an alumni

association which would serve to unify the graduate group and coordinate its activity. Since this discussion interest has been shown in the matter, not only by the alumni but also by the student body, and it is certain to be the chief business of this year's meeting.

It is not the purpose of this editorial to argue the pros and cons of the plan, but it is the purpose to bring out one fact which stands above all others. If an alumni association is to be organized, it must be more than a mere name and figurehead. It must have definite policies, aims, and ideas, and it must have definite functions in cooperation with the academy. When and if formed, there can be no lapse into inactivity, for it can only justify its existence by vigorous progressive and productive activity in behalf of the school.

It is to be earnestly hoped that careful consideration will be given the plan for an association, and that action will be taken which will be for the best interests of the graduates and Governor Dummer Academy.

## SPRING DANCE COMMITTEE PLANS MILESTONE DANCE FOR JUNE 1

The annual Spring Dance for the benefit of the *Milestone* will be held this year on June 1. Don Gahan and his orchestra will provide the music.

### HONOR ROLL FOR MARCH, 1940

<i>First Honors</i>	<i>Second Honors</i>
*Edward Whitley	Robert Barton
Cushing Strout	Peter Hill
Willard Little	Vaughan Pitman
Brent Kuhnle	Harold Knapp
*James Black	*Kurt Hoffman
*Leonard Zins	Richard Winckel
*David Solomon	Norman Tronerud
*Henry Skeelee	Paul Morgan

### HONOR ROLL FOR APRIL, 1940

<i>First Honors</i>	<i>Second Honors</i>
*Leonard Zins	Duncan Holden
*David Solomon	Peter Hill
Robert Barton	Richard Winckel
*Edward Whitley	Paul Morgan
Willard Little	Vaughan Pitman
Cushing Strout	Frederick Earnshaw
Brent Kuhnle	*Kurt Hoffman
*James Black	*Henry Skeelee

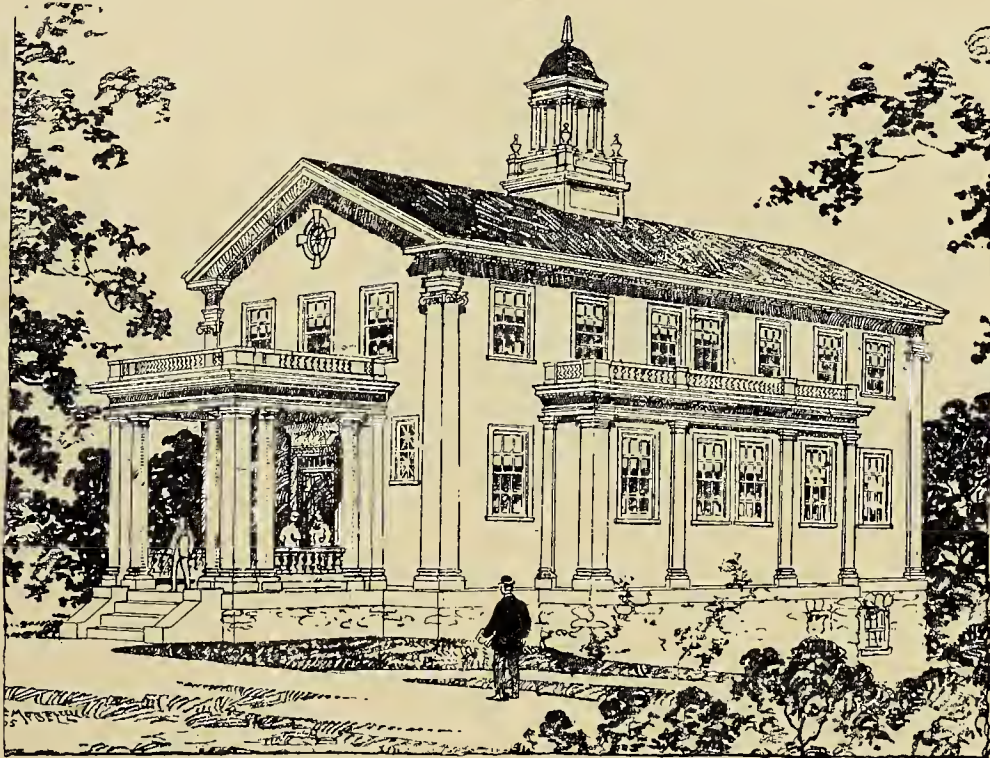
\* Indicates name has been on all Honor Rolls  
this year.



## THE PARSONS SCHOOLHOUSE

By GEORGE W. FREIDAY, JR.

*The greater part of the material of this article has been derived from a letter addressed as a report to the President of the Board of Trustees in 1905 by the Reverend Herbert E. Lombard whose interest in the Academy during his ministry in Byfield made possible the building of the Parsons Schoolhouse as it stood before the fire of last January. Mr. Lombard has also been kind enough in a recent visit to the Academy to draw upon his memories to supply additional information of interest.*



Courtesy of Newburyport News

ARCHITECT'S DRAWING OF PARSONS SCHOOLHOUSE, 1905

Governor Dummer Academy has been fortunate in its historical origins and happily still possesses the colonial beauty of its Mansion House and a notably fine restoration of the original little red schoolhouse. Few schools can point to the architecture of their pristine foundation with such justifiable satisfaction; the good taste of the eighteenth century set examples that can and have been followed to develop a campus in tune with its past and its New England surroundings. Of these two buildings, especially the Mansion House, much has been written and it has been perhaps too easy to forget that other buildings also have their interesting stories which sometimes lie hidden away in letter files and in the memories of those associated with the Academy many years ago. Such is the story of the Parsons Schoolhouse. It is fitting, perhaps, that before its eventual reconstruction and rededication to its role as a classroom building, the history of this building should once again be reviewed.

It is generally known that the building which for thirty-five years has been called the Parsons Schoolhouse was once located on the central part of the lawn before the Mansion House. This structure was, from evidence contained in the diary of Robert Adams (1787-1855), probably erected shortly after 1830. A reproduction of an old drawing printed at the conclusion of this account will, however, be a vivid reminder of its appearance before its removal to a southerly part of the campus where its architectural lines were greatly altered by expansion and reconstruction. The fine classical design of this change was the work of the architect, Mr. Charles Hardy Ely of Beverly who overcame unusual problems with an expert sense of the fitness to the Academy campus of his portico, columns, and cupola.

The moving spirit behind this major improvement in the Academy's growth was the Reverend Herbert Edwin Lombard, eleventh

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## SPRING SCHEDULES UNDER WAY



Photograph by Mr. Heil

### LACROSSE TEAM THREATENS DEERING NET

#### LACROSSE TEAM DEFEATS DEERING, BUT LOSES NEXT TWO MATCHES

A veteran Governor Dummer lacrosse team opened the season by crushing an inexperienced Deering High School ten 17 to 3 at South Byfield on April 19.

Captain Ed Sheffield, John Eshelman, Bob Will, and Bob Lyle scored most of the Governors' goals. Newcomers to the team who scored were John Mortimer, Karl Klaussen, and David Gearhart.

#### *Boston Lacrosse Club Wins*

The Boston Lacrosse Club, made up chiefly of former college players, nosed out the Governors 9 to 6 in an exciting game played on Morse Field on April 27.

The Boston team was only able to gain the win by their superior stickhandling and experience, and the Red and White aggregation deserve great credit for playing these veteran players almost to a standstill.

Captain Ed Sheffield led the Governors' attack, while Dave Goodhart played an exceptional game as goalguard, making many spectacular stops though hard pressed by the fast visiting team.

#### *Defeated by Andover*

The Governor Dummer lacrosse team was badly beaten by Andover 10 to 2 at Andover on May 1 in a very poorly played game.

#### TIMELY HITTING GIVES MIDDLESEX 6 TO 2 VICTORY OVER GOVERNORS

The Middlesex School nine administered a 6 to 2 defeat to Governor Dummer at Concord on May 1. The team once again hit and fielded well, but the ability of Middlesex to make all their blows count with men on bases proved the margin of defeat.

Ed Riley, who pitched the whole game, was the leading Red and White hitter with a double and a triple to his credit.

The summary:

	AB	BH	PO	A
Munro, 2b .....	5	1	1	0
Jarvis, ss .....	3	0	1	0
Whiting, c .....	3	1	12	1
Nutter, cf .....	4	1	4	0
Whittles, 3b .....	4	0	1	1
Young, lf, 1b .....	4	0	1	0
Brady, rf .....	2	1	0	0
Johndroe, rf .....	2	1	0	0
Mortimer, 1b .....	1	0	4	1
Little, lf .....	2	1	0	0
Riley, p .....	4	2	0	5
	34	8	24	8

#### GOVERNORS LOSE TO THAYER

The Governor Dummer nine was nosed out in eleven innings 7 to 6 by Thayer Academy at South Braintree on May 5.



## LACROSSE TEAM TRIMS BOTH HARVARD AND M. I. T. FRESHMEN

Snapping back into the victory column the Governor Dummer lacrosse team trimmed the Harvard Freshmen 15 to 1 at South Byfield on May 8.

The Governor Dummer lacrosse team also defeated the M. I. T. Freshmen 16 to 4 at M. I. T. on May 11.

## MILTON ACADEMY, BELMONT HILL DEFEAT GOVERNOR DUMMER NINE

In the opening game of the season Milton Academy took the measure of the Governor Dummer nine to the tune of 23 to 3 at Milton on April 27. The inability of the Governors' pitchers to either control the Milton batters or to get the ball over the plate accounted for the home team's remarkable score.

The baseball team dropped its fourth consecutive game by losing to Belmont Hill 15 to 7 at Morse Field on Saturday, May 11.

## SECOND TEAM LOSES

The second baseball team dropped a heart-breaking game to the Newburyport High School Seconds on May 8 when a last inning rally gave the visitors a 7 to 5 victory. Dick Manville pitched well for the Governors, while John Nissen led the offense.

## CAPTAINS CHOSEN BY SPRING SPORTS TEAMS FOR 1940 SEASON

Five captains have recently been elected for the spring sports teams.

Ed Riley, pitcher on the baseball team, is leading the nine, and Ed Sheffield, who has recently been chosen an All New England player, is captain of lacrosse. Dean Hoyt is captain of tennis, Al Hutchinson of track, and Harry Davy and Jim Dodge are co-captains of golf.

## TENNIS TEAM LOSES OPENER; WINS SECOND MATCH OVER THAYER

Handicapped by poor weather and lack of practice, the Governor Dummer tennis team opened its season on May 1 by losing to the Brooks School 4 to 3 at North Andover.

### *Victory Over Thayer*

Traveling to South Braintree on May 8, the tennis team defeated Thayer Academy 3 to 2.

## GOVERNORS LOSE TRACK MEET

In the opening track meet of the season the Governors' team lost to Exeter at Exeter on May 8 by a 63 to 54 score. Captain Al Hutchinson won the 100 yd. dash, the 220, and the javalin throw, and Bud Mulcahy took the shot, the 440, and the broad jump. In the latter event Mulcahy broke the school record by jumping 20 feet, 5 inches.



Photograph by George Leach

*Bob Nutter, Captain Ed. Riley, and Stan Whiting talk it over before the game*



## GLEE CLUB PRESENTS SIX CONCERTS DURING MARCH, APRIL, AND MAY

Since the month of March the Glee Club has given six concerts, three of which were combined with the clubs of girls' schools.

On March 9 the boys visited the Walnut Hill School for Girls in Natick, where they were very hospitably entertained at dinner and at a dance after the singing. On April 6 the Waynflete School for Girls of Portland, Maine, sang here with the club and on April 13 the Glee Club of the Bancroft School for Girls of Worcester also came here. At both these concerts the girls arrived at school in time for dinner and stayed for a program dance in the New Building.

A concert was given at the First Church of Christ in Bradford on April 26, and an unusual feature was the use of the organ as accompaniment in two of the religious numbers. The Bradford College Glee Club was a guest at this concert. On May 3 the Club sang in the Masonic Temple in Newburyport under the auspices of the Laurel Hill Chapter of the Eastern Star. The concert was arranged by Mrs. Jane Gale, who introduced the Club to the audience. Apple pie and ice cream were served to the boys afterwards. On May 8 a concert was given at Stoneleigh College for Girls in Rye, New Hampshire. This recital preceded their annual spring dance.

## ALUMNI DAY

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follows: Class of 1931, John Young; Class of 1932, Forbush McGarry; Class of 1933, Dana Douglass; Class of 1934, Richard Segler; Class of 1935, Oliver Andrews, Morris Frost, and William Williamson; Class of 1936, Percy Goodale; Class of 1937, Richard Schanzle, Richard Curtis, and William Sheffield; Class of 1938, Ralph Bean and Russell Simons; Class of 1939, Macomber Lord, Charles Hewitt, Harrison Poole, and Henry Payson.

This committee will be identified on Alumni Day by red ribbons on their lapels in addition to the name and class cards which will be provided for all graduates when they register in the New Building upon arrival. The committee will be in charge at the Faculty reception of introducing the alumni to new members of the Faculty.

## PARSONS SCHOOL HOUSE

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pastor of the Congregational Church in the parish of Byfield and successor ten times removed to the Reverend Moses Parsons, the respected spiritual advisor of Lieutenant-Governor William Dummer until his death in 1761 and one of the first trustees of the newly founded Academy. In the face of great difficulty, Mr. Lombard's enthusiasm for the Academy's past and his skill in antiquarian knowledge and genealogy were able to enlist the financial support of Mrs. Susan E. P. Forbes of Byfield, a grand-daughter of Moses Parsons and widow of the Scotch founder of the famous and prosperous firm of Forbes and Wallace. Mrs. Forbes gave liberally to this addition to the Academy in memory of her ancestor who was the long-time friend and pastor of Governor Dummer. It is very probable that Moses Parsons created the Governor's interest in founding a school and it is definitely known that he was instrumental in securing the services of the famous Master Moody as the first teacher of the Academy. It was more than appropriate, then, that almost a century and a half later his name should be further perpetuated in a memorial school-building.

The initial gift of Mrs. Forbes made it possible to continue the raising of funds until a sum in the neighborhood of \$25,000 was obtained. From many sources came gifts to make the reconstructed school-house truly a memorial in many ways. The assembly hall, originally panelled in redwood and mahogany, later used as a study-hall, was furnished by a gift from Mr. Winthrop Sargent of Philadelphia in memory of his father, the Hon. Winthrop Sargent and was named Sargent Hall. Mrs. James Murray Kay secured from members of her family furnishings for the room at the right of the entrance to be called the Rawson Room in memory of Edward Rawson of Newbury, distinguished early

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## DAVID GOODHART HEADS ANNUAL MILESTONE DANCE COMMITTEE

Plans for the annual spring dance given for the benefit of the *Milestone* have been formulated by a dance committee headed by David Goodhart. Other members of the committee are Louis des Cognets, King Dowse, James Henneberry, Peter Hill, Karl Klaussen, Roland Will, and Richard Williamson.



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settler and first secretary of the colony from 1650 to 1685.

The first recitation room at the left of the entrance was furnished by the children of Mr. Robert Codman of Boston and was called in his honor the Codman Room. Adjoining this room was the Adams Room named by the descendants of Robert Adams. Opposite was the remaining classroom called the Noyes Room which was equipped by members of that family of Byfield long connected with and generous to the school.

Occupying the full end of the building on the ground floor was the Judge Byfield Library room furnished by Miss Emily Malbone Morgan of Hartford and named in honor of her ancestor, Judge Nathaniel Byfield who from 1674 to 1724 was prominent in the colonial administration of the Bay Colony. On this room, to be open under certain restrictions to residents of Byfield Parish, many donors lavished gifts including pictures ordered from abroad, collections of books established by the Alexander B. Forbes Memorial, by Mr. Ambrose, by the Class of 1905, by members of the Longfellow and Lowell families, and by the Sons of Dummer. Also placed here was the original Academy collection of books, many dating back, even in 1905, a hundred years or more. The Judge Byfield Library remained in useful service until the collections were transferred to the present new Noyes Library. At this time the room was changed to serve as a recitation room in Physics and Chemistry.

The builders of the Parsons Schoolhouse, however, did not neglect the sciences since the gifts of Mr. Joseph N. Dummer and Mr. E. R. Sanford established the Chemical Laboratory in honor of Isaac W. Wheelwright of Byfield, a teacher for many years in South America. The Physics Laboratory was furnished by his widow in memory of Mr. William Dummer Northend, a lawyer, trustee, and devoted friend of the Academy. It is to Mr. Northend's interests and efforts that Bowdoin College owes its fine art museum and Governor Dummer Academy the valuable historical address delivered on the Academy's 125th anniversary.

Gifts from many other sources, lighting equipment presented by Mr. Henderson of Rowley, desks, tables, and pictures swelled the number of donors who had shown their

devotion to this new project. The Academy was rightfully proud of the number of its interested benefactors and a dedication ceremony was planned to commemorate suitably these services. On October 4, 1905, the guests assembled on the Mansion House lawn before the transported and renovated building to listen to speeches and expressions of gratitude. The elder Henry Cabot Lodge gave the main address on the role of education in New England, a poem for the occasion was written by Mrs. Harriet Prescott Spofford of Atlantic Monthly fame, newspapers in Boston and Newburyport carried accounts of the festivities and special articles on the Academy. Among the guests were many whose associations with New England life and literature now make them uniquely interesting; these included Mr. S. T. Pickard, literary executor of John Greenleaf Whittier, members of the Dummer and the Longfellow families, and the chief benefactor, herself, Mrs. Forbes at whose home *Fatherland Farm* in Byfield a hospitable reception and supper was served after the ceremonies.

Great had been the change from the decrepit, inadequately heated, meeting-house like structure which as the second schoolhouse of the Academy had long outserved its utility. The stately new schoolhouse became the first of many notable changes that were to come during the first three decades of the twentieth century to form the present face of the Academy campus. Now on the threshold of its third reconstruction, it is not unfitting to express again gratitude to the friends of thirty-five years ago and to record in the ARCHON annals the usefulness and generosity of their gifts.



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